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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) P

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas 2/24/64 enclosing a letter from the President's Commission dated 2/21/64 which requested certain documents pertaining to the assassination weapon.

Item No. 3 in the President's Commission letter is quoted as follows:

"On Page 206 of the report prepared by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING on 12/10/63, it is stated that on 7/5/62 Century Arms, Inc. of St. Albans, Vermont, sent to Aldens of Chicago, a shipment of 6.5 mm Italian Carbine Rifles including a rifle bearing the Serial No. 2776 (This number is incorrect in the President's Commission Letter and should be 2766 as reflected in the 12/10/63 report referred to above) which had been received by Century Arms from Empire Sporting Goods of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Could you please obtain and send to us originals or (if necessary) photographic copies of all documents relating to this rifle including the related purchase orders, invoices, shipping documents, bills of lading, shipping records, receipts, sales records, inventory records, etc. of Empire Sporting Goods, Century Arms, Inc., Aldens, and any other person or firm which owned or handled this rifle."

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3 - Bureau (62-109060)
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1 - Albany (62-1646) (info)
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Now in possession of the Dallas Office is Exhibit D-102 which is Century Arms, Inc., [illegible] Lake Street, St. Albans, Vermont, Invoice No. 8934, dated Jun 29, 1962, which reflects shipment on July 5, 1962, of 700 6.5 caliber Italian Carbines, Catalog No. 33-3541M, to Aldens, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Department 633, Chicago, Illinois, per Aldens Order No. 82803. Also, in possession of the Dallas Office is Exhibit D-103 which reflects the serial numbers of 700 6.5 caliber Italian Carbines which were received by Century Arms, Inc., from Empire Sporting Goods, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. One of such serial numbers is shown as "2766".

Previous investigation has established that the assassination weapon bore Serial No. C2766 and was purchased in March, 1963, by LEE HARVEY OSWALD from Klein's Sporting Goods Company, Chicago, Illinois, who had obtained such weapon from Crescent Firearms, Inc., 2 West 37th Street, New York City. Additional detailed tracing of the source of the weapon by Crescent Firearms, Inc. is being requested by separate communication.

It appears likely that the weapon bearing Serial No. 2766 received by Aldens from Century Arms, Inc. in July, 1962 is a different weapon than the assassination weapon. However, this must be resolved completely.

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ALBANY (INFO)

One copy of this communication is being furnished to Albany for its information in the event additional investigation is requested of that office with respect to locating documents pertaining to Century's receipt of the weapon shipped to Aldens.

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Will immediately contact Aldens, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, and determine the full description and complete serial number of the "2766" weapon received from Century Firearms, Inc. in July, 1962, and if determined to have prefix other than "C", immediately advise Bureau and Dallas and conduct no further tracing of the weapon, UACB.

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Bureau has requested results under caption of instant communication although Dallas is filing same and reporting same in the case captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka IS-R-CUBA, Dallas File 100-10461.

THE BUREAU HAS STATED THAT NO UNDUE DELAY CAN BE TOLERATED SINCE THIS REQUEST EMANATED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION.

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